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REVOLUTIONARY.

The discussion precipitated in the House on Tuesday by the ruling of the Speaker that a quorum was determined not by the votes of the members but by their actual presence in the hall was the most exciting one which has yet occurred since the beginning of the session.

It may appear to one not familiar with parliamentary practices that every member of a legislative body present during action on any measure before it is supposed to be a participant and be amenable to the responsibility of voting.

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Mr. Blaine when speaking that the speaker has not the power to count a quorum; and Mr. Blaine is recognized authority on parliamentary practice, by late President Garfield, when a member of the House, who denounced a similar ruling, and by the present speaker himself in the same debate when he said "the constitutional idea of a quorum is not the physical presence of a majority of the house, but a majority of the members present and participating in the house."

A NOTABLE EVENT. The Baltimore Sun of the 29th notes an incident which must have been exceedingly impressive to those who had the novel experience. It was the appearance of a large four masted Baltimore schooner in the waters of the Tombigbee river, Alabama, where, among the overhanging trees on the river banks, or in the midst of the cotton fields, or at the saw mill landing, at all events, far beyond where sea-going vessels had ever ventured, this wonderful stranger astonished and delighted the crowds of the unsophisticated inhabitants who thronged around her to see the novel craft.

Something similar to this happened to the people of Fayetteville, in this State, many years ago, and has almost passed from living memory. One morning one of the steamboats running between that place and Wilmington reached her wharf bringing from the latter place a little schooner, the Sun Patch in tow. Certainly the natives of Guanahoni had not have been more astonished at the gigantic ship of Columbus, than were the people of Fayetteville at the appearance of this little vessel in the upper waters of the Cape Fear river. It was noised abroad with incredible rapidity that there was "a ship" at the landing.

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Now the Sun Patch was nothing more than a little schooner of thirty or forty tons, which had run into Wilmington from the Bahamas with a cargo of fruit; and finding the market dull, the Captain conceived the idea of having his vessel towed up to Fayetteville, to take advantage of the surprising novelty of his craft and voyage.

Never before or since has a sea-going vessel ever been seen at the navigation of the Cape Fear river; at least we have no knowledge of such a thing.

The new Republic of the United States of Brazil has been now formally recognized by the United States of America with all the formalities which emphasize the reality of the new republicanism. The act of recognition was due to facts. The Empire was overthrown, the Emperor was in exile, and with no purpose whatever to assert his rights or reclaim his lost dominions. There was no government in Brazil except that set up on the ruins of the empire; that government had organized itself in a formal orderly way and was going on its course of nationality in relation to its internal affairs and in its relation to the rest of the world.

Our Senator Vance made his speech yesterday on the Butler bill and met the question with his usual pointed good sense. Mr. Butler's plan is for the deportation of all the negroes in the United States, voluntary of course, but by assisted emigration to Africa, there to be expected in the great interior to build up a great African empire under the light of the civilization the enfranchised slave had borrowed from his late master.

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The intimations that come to us about tariff reduction are not reassuring. It is certain that if all the propositions made by our economic republican friends are matured, the tax levy through the tariff will be increased instead of diminished. Magnificent projects are based upon the surplus which is expected, like the purse of Fortunatus, to be inexhaustible and pour out money on tap for the most extravagant call. But even the surplus cannot stand all the heavy drafts made, or proposed to be made on it.

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